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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 10, 2002. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and submit that the patent application is in condition for allowance.

REMARKS

The Office Action was issued on pending claims 1-6, all of which were rejected. In this Response, no claims have been amended, added, or cancelled. Thus, claims 1-6 are pending in the case.

OBJECTION TO DRAWINGS

In Office Action paragraph 1, the drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(b). The Office Action asserts that the drawings do not show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. However, Applicants respectfully submit that the drawings of Figs. 1 and 2 show an example of all of the features specified in the claims.

Fig. 1 shows an example of the structure of a flexible printed circuit board (FPC) according to the present invention. See the substitute specification at page 4, lines 17-21. Fig. 1 shows a flexible printed circuit board having a base film 1, a base film side adhesive layer 2 provided on the base film 1, a metal foil layer 3 on which a pattern circuit is formed, provided on the base film side adhesive layer 2, and a cover layer side adhesive layer 4 provided on the metal foil layer 3. Furthermore, at least one of the base film side adhesive layer 2 and the cover layer side adhesive layer 3 has a higher glass transition temperature than an operating temperature of

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